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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Justice Department officials have seen the light and offered a settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case. Microsoft has agreed to this settlement and this should bring an end to this case at the federal level.

The settlement will create more openness and competition in the technology sector of our economy. This settlement stipulates that Microsoft will share its internal interfaces with its rivals. Also Microsoft will share the protocols of their server interoperability. The release of all these Microsoft secrets will be a great help for MS competitors. Furthermore these compromises by Microsoft are unmatched in the history of information technology.

It is unfortunate that some individual and groups have sought to put a negative light on this settlement. I am pleased to see that you agreed to settle.

Sincerely,

Peter Hartwig

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